

DFAS-SL Transition

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Commander's Corner

Welcome to our 3d edition of the transition newsletter. A lot has gone on in the past few weeks to include transition team training and more to come in the next several weeks too. Mr. Frisch and I will brief the St Louis area Federal Executive Board on 6 April about our transition to include educating leaders from the St Louis Federal sector on what experience and value you can bring to their agency. For employees staying on with DFAS, in June representatives from Indianapolis and Columbus will come to talk to you not only about the work sites but living in their local areas as well. Also mark your calendars for 27 & 28 June when we host our customer symposium. We will have not only our customers here but senior leaders from Columbus and Indianapolis. This is another opportunity to find out more about DFAS locations from the leadership. I know many of you have asked very specific questions on the transition and how it relates to you. We continue to work those questions and press for answers with the DFAS BRAC transition leadership and human resources. As the answers come back, we will send the information out to you, but I ask for your patience as DFAS has received thousands of these specific questions on individual circumstances. Thank you again for the work you do in support of our Army.

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DFAS-SL Transition Team

The team has learned about the many free programs and services that are available to you. Listed below are the Agencies/Services and the DFAS-SL POC assigned.

Social Security Administration - Emma Strickland & Fatima Taylor-Greenlee

MO Department of Vocational Rehabilitation - Margie Wasser

U.S. Department Labor-Bureau of Apprenticeship & Training - Margie Wasser

Educational Opportunity Center - Jeri Bryant & Fatima Taylor-Greenlee

University Missouri – Career Options and Fast Track Programs - Blair Weller & Jeri Bryant

St. Louis Community College-New Traditions Program - Blair Weller & Jeri Bryant

MO Department of Social Services, Division of Family Services - Emma Strickland & Fatima Taylor-Greenlee

St. Louis County Human Services - Steve Frisch

U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs - Connie Killingworth

AFL-CIO Union Privilege Program - Larry Walker & Kathy Beck

Illinois Services – Health Benefits, AFL-CIO Union Benefits, etc. - Mike Morton

United Way of Greater St. Louis - Michael Woods

MO Division of Workforce Development - Cassandra Williams

U.S. Department Labor - Employee Benefits Security Administration - Debra White and Jeff Shelton

U.S. Small Business Administration and SCORE (Service Corps of Retired Executive Association) - Elsie Cline

Taking Control of Your Finances - Betty Anthony

Newsletter and BRAC Questions and Answers - Vic Scauzzo

This team is ready to act as your information center for available programs and services, Check US Out!

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DFAS-Indianapolis



Above is a view of DFAS-Indianapolis Center. The building is located in the Northeast portion of the Indianapolis area, just a short distance outside of the I465 ring at 8899 East 56th Street Indianapolis, IN 46249. The building was recently renovated and the parking at the back of the building is ample and free. The following sites may be useful if you are considering DFAS Indianapolis:

[Indianapolis Convention & Visitors Association](http://www.indy.org): ICVA's site, www.indy.org, provides current and official visitor information.

[Indy Downtown Inc.](http://www.indydowntown.org): Visit Indianapolis Downtown Inc.'s new web site and find out about various events coming to downtown Indianapolis. Indianapolis is home of the NFL Indianapolis Colts, the NBA Indiana Pacers and The Indianapolis 500 Race Track.

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Indianapolis> For general information about Indianapolis to include its history, geography, climate, and demographics check out this web site.



DFAS Enduring Site Recruiting Visits

Both DFAS Columbus and Indianapolis are planning an information visit to DFAS St. Louis for employees interested in continuing to work for DFAS. Current plans are for 6 Jun 06.

Helpful Web Sites

Department of Defense Sites

- [DoD BRAC Site](#)
- [BRAC Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [DoD Transformation](#)

DFAS Sites

- [DFAS's Official Public Web Site](#)
- [DFAS Careers Page](#)
- [DFAS Civilian PCS Resource Guide](#)

<https://dfas4dod.dfas.mil/ps0/PCS/index.htm>

US Army Sites

Surface Deployment & Distribution Command (SDDC)

<http://www.sddc.army.mil/Public/Home>

Missile Defense Agency (MDA):

<http://www.mda.mil/mdalink/html/employment.html>

Other Federal Sites

- [OPM's USA Jobs Site](#)

Illinois State Sites

Link to Illinois workforce services:

<http://www.ides.state.il.us/default.asp>

Office Locator-Illinois Employment & Training Centers

<http://www.ides.state.il.us/ietc/network/index.asp>

Link to Madison County-Employment & Training Ctr.

<http://www.mcetd.org/>

Link to Illinois area Employment & Training Centers.

<http://www.servicelocator.org/search/etasearchoffice.asp?zip=&city=granite+city&state=IL&proximity=50&search=Search>

Quotes

"It is better to be prepared for an opportunity and not have one than to have an opportunity and not be prepared." _ Whitney M. Young, Jr.

"There is nothing wrong with change, if it is in the right direction." - Winston Churchill

"Where there is no struggle, there is no strength." - Oprah Winfrey

Note From the Editor

I need your ideas on what to include in this newsletter. As a reminder, a DSL-BRAC folder has been created in outlook, public folders, and under St. Louis. Note: I have placed the "BRAC" PCS/ Permanent Duty Travel (PDT) Information Package, some more answers to your questions, and the last newsletter in the folder.

Thanks,

Vic Scauzzo